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Today's weather: Light or moderate Southeast winds. Fair.
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Court-Martial For Commander Of Truculent Announced

London, Jan. 25.—The commanding officer of the submarine Truculent, which was rammed and sunk in the Thames Estuary with the loss of 64 lives, will be court-martialed on a charge of "negligently or by default losing his ship," the Admiralty announced here tonight.

The Truculent, a British submarine, was rammed and sunk by the German submarine U-30 on January 24, 1945, in the Thames Estuary. The ship was carrying 64 crew members and was carrying a cargo of war materials. The ship was rammed and sunk in the Thames Estuary, near the mouth of the river.

MARITIME INQUIRY
A general inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the sinking of the Truculent will be held by the Admiralty. The inquiry will be held in London and will be presided over by a senior naval officer. The inquiry will be held in London and will be presided over by a senior naval officer.

Greek Ship Runs Aground
San Francisco, Jan. 25.—The Greek ship, the *Agios*, ran aground on the rocks off the coast of California. The ship was carrying a cargo of war materials and was carrying 20 crew members. The ship was rammed and sunk in the Thames Estuary, near the mouth of the river.

Alger Hiss Sentenced To 5 Years In Gaol



ALGER HISS

CONVICTED FOR PERJURY

New York, Jan. 25.—Alger Hiss, bright young State Department expert who advised President Roosevelt at Yalta, was sentenced to five years in prison today for lying about his 1938 co-operation with a Communist spy ring.

The 45-year-old former president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace stood white and tense as Judge Henry Goddard sentenced him to five years on each of two perjury counts—the sentences to be served concurrently.

Even as sentence was pronounced, Hiss repeated that he was innocent. Just before Judge Goddard pronounced the sentence, Hiss requested an opportunity to make a "brief statement."

I would like to thank you, Judge Goddard, for the opportunity to make a statement. I am confident that in the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers was able to carry out his espionage activities, will be disclosed. I am confident that the full facts as to how Whittaker Chambers was able to carry out his espionage activities, will be disclosed.

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STILL HIS FRIEND
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Rescued After Entombment



Weary and begrimed rescuers carry Joseph Burda, 30, Morea, Pa., miner (on stretcher) to waiting ambulance after freeing him from 39-hour entombment 75 feet underground in his independent mine. Burda, without food or water during his entombment, set off three blasts of dynamite to inform rescuers he was still alive.—AP Picture.

Secret Agreements Between Russia & Chinese Reds

"Special Rights" Granted To The Soviets

Washington, Jan. 25.—The United States State Department said today that "two secret agreements" between the Chinese Communists and Russia granted "special rights" to the Soviet Union in Manchuria.

Supporting recent statements by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, the Department issued a detailed "background document" which said, "The Soviet Union has placed the richest industrial area of China firmly behind the Far Eastern segment of the Iron Curtain."

Mr. Acheson declared recently that Russia was detaching Manchuria, Outer Mongolia, Sinkiang and Inner Mongolia from China and binding them to the Soviet Union.

The State Department, backing up Mr. Acheson's charges, said that Russia's designs were in part supported by the two "secret agreements" which it said were known as the "Moscow" agreement and the "Harbin" agreement.

PENETRATION COMPLETE
The State Department gave the summary of conditions in the four areas. "Soviet penetration is complete," it said.

UPPET REGIME
Inner Mongolia—A puppet semi-autonomous regime is in power and is "only closely affiliated with the Chinese Communist authorities."

Summing up its case, the State Department said the time it would take for Russia to detach these areas "will depend on the Soviet timetable—and, of course, on any resistance which may arise in Chinese quarters."

When he first made the accusations, Mr. Acheson predicted that the wrath of the Chinese people would descend on the Russians.

SECRET POLICE
Russia's participation in Manchurian secret police work.

The document said that the Soviet operated the only air service in Manchuria and "controls and operates industrial facilities in Dairen, Harbin and Chiao-Mow." and power plants, mines, and hydro-electric plants at Yalu and several coal and gold mines, also the Shao Ho Kon vehicle manufacturing works, the Dairen shipbuilding yard, and the Dairen sugar works.

A special trade agreement was signed last July. This gives Russia, it is reported, "60 percent of a farmer's produce" in Manchuria and is causing "severe shortages while other areas of China are experiencing famine conditions."

Naval Launch Rammed, Sunk In HK Harbour
A naval launch was rammed and sunk by a Chinese motor vessel in the harbour early this morning. No one was injured.

The 25-foot launch attached to the destroyer, HMS *Comus*, was crossing Yau-mai Tsai, just after 3 p.m., 200 yards from the Kowloon Naval jetty, when it was rammed by the diesel-driven Heung Kwong.

The crew of three on the naval launch and two other ratings were taken off and transferred to the Heung Kwong. The Chinese vessel began to take the launch in tow, but it sank after going only a short distance.

A statement has been given by the coxswain of the naval launch to the Water Police, who are unable to find the Heung Kwong. A police boat has been out this morning trying to locate the Chinese vessel, which has apparently disappeared from the harbour.

The Water Police have not ruled out the possibility that the Heung Kwong may also have sunk.

Plane Loses An Engine In Flight
San Francisco, January 25.—The Pan-American Airways reported today that the No. 2 engine fell from a Boeing Stratocruiser over the Pacific Ocean, about 80 miles from Tokyo, but the clipper landed safely at Tokyo airport at 1:35 p.m. The plane carried 10 civilian passengers but nobody was injured.

Pan-American Airways said the vertical stabilizer and fuselage near the galley were damaged.—United Press.

Tsun Wan Strikers Cause Disturbance

55 WEAVERS ARRESTED

Fifty-five weavers at the Pao Hsing Cotton Mills, Tsun Wan, were arrested last night after they had staged a strike in protest against the dismissal of six fellow workers.

It is understood that the trouble started yesterday afternoon when the management were locked out of their offices. As the strikers became more and more demonstrative, an official of the firm sent for the police.

It was not until the evening that the 55, most of them young women, were arrested. They were taken to the police station and charged with disturbing the peace.

TRUMAN MAY INTERVENE
Washington, Jan. 25.—A high government official said on Wednesday that President Truman will step into the soft coal dispute "before the week end," unless John Lewis gets his 80,000 striking miners back to work "quickly."

The official said, even if the strikers return to work on a three-day week, the President may act because of growing coal shortage.—United Press.

Ferries In Collision

WHILE TRYING TO RESCUE WOMAN

Two harbour ferries collided and were slightly damaged this morning while going to the assistance of a Chinese woman who had jumped or fallen off one of the ships.

The woman was a lower deck passenger on board the *Solar Star* crossing to Hongkong.

About half way across the harbour, the ship was raised that someone had gone overboard. Passengers saw the woman struggling in the water, managing, however, to keep afloat.

The ferry turned back on her course, at the same time, the *Hongkong* and *Yau-mai Ferry* Company's *Man Chi* had observed the incident and was approaching the scene to give aid.

The ships collided, but not with great force. The only damage was crushed woodwork.

The woman was rescued by two crewmen from the *Man Chi* who dived in with lifebelts. She was put on board the *Solar Star* and taken to Hongkong.

Flying Arrow's Skipper Bluffs Chinese Reds

Aboard Flying Arrow at Kobe, Jan. 25.—The skipper of this American freighter had to bluff the Chinese Communists by threatening to call non-existent destroyers in order to get his clearance papers to leave Tsingtao. Captain David Jones told me of the tense negotiations as we approached Kobe, writes Wayne Richardson.

The freighter had put in at Tsingtao to discharge cargo after a Chinese Nationalist gunboat shelled us off Shanghai on January 8.

Captain Jones declared his ship's departure from Tsingtao was held up for six days by the Communists, who "delayed the vessel in every manner."

In the midst of a quarrel to get his clearance papers at the Communist navigation bureau, Captain Jones gambled on a bluff. Turning on the officials he said:

"If my vessel is not allowed to call or given sufficient reasons for its detention, I will radio American destroyers outside to come in and get me."

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EDITORIAL

Conservatives' Manifesto

THE Conservative Party's General Election manifesto contains no surprises. It will probably meet with the unqualified approval of voters whose political preferences are Tory, and will, without doubt, arouse ironical and deprecatory comments from those whose affiliations lie in other directions. Characteristically the Socialists and the Conservatives aim for identical ends: full employment, financial solvency, homes for all, the best possible social services, world peace, close relations with the Commonwealth. Only in the field of foreign policy have the Conservatives been more specific in their platform than the Socialists, and here they dwell with some emphasis on continued harmonious relations with the United States and neighbouring countries such as France; of the development of the West European Union and the liquidation of war debts incurred by Britain in order to help maintain the safety of India, Pakistan and Egypt. The choice which will confront the electors next month is not so much of programme as of means to realise more or less common aims. The Conservatives are emphatic about their idea of how to bring full recovery to Britain. They do not consider their proposals as the best way; to them they represent the only way. Thus there is a clear-cut issue before the electors, and it is because the alternative methods brook no compromise, that the election will become a contest between two powerful and persuasive parties. But when this has been said, it still remains true that on one point the Conservatives have hedged (just as have the Labour Party on the question of nationalising industrial insurance companies.) The Conservatives, while violently opposed to nationalisation, have conceded that if returned they will not de-nationalise the coal industry. Instead, they will "dynamically reorganise"

it into a "public undertaking." From this distance, it is not quite apparent what is intended by such an operation, unless the Conservatives mean they will make the industry into a profitable concern from which the public, as principal shareholders, will receive benefits. Nationalisation, however, has the same intention, and on this particular question the Conservative manifesto may be in danger of confusing and irritating public thought. The Tories are on much safer ground when they adopt an implacable attitude of opposition to all forms of nationalisation, and offer instead "a fair field for enterprise" and freedom from bureaucratic restrictions. Any admission that nationalisation, under certain circumstances, can bring lasting benefit to the country weakens their whole platform, and is likely to convince wavering supporters that the Party is out to protect certain interests, regardless of others. The Conservatives have an appealing angle in the matter of reduced taxation, particularly if they can demonstrate during the election campaign that this can be brought about by reducing Government expenditure without departmental efficiency suffering. Relief from direct taxation is what the middle classes desire as much, if not more, than a wider variety and plentitude of foodstuffs. And if these voters can be persuaded that this relief will be forthcoming without having to sacrifice any of the social services which the nation is now enjoying, they can be expected to cast their votes for Conservative candidates. With the two principal party platforms before the electors, it now remains for the contestants to convince the voters which is most likely to achieve what the manifestos claim. The probable outcome can be better judged in another three weeks' time.

TUC Bans Reds On Council

London, Jan. 25.—The General Council of the Trades Union Congress decided today that no Communist will be allowed to sit on the National Committee which speaks for the 500 trades councils—the local federations of trades union branches.

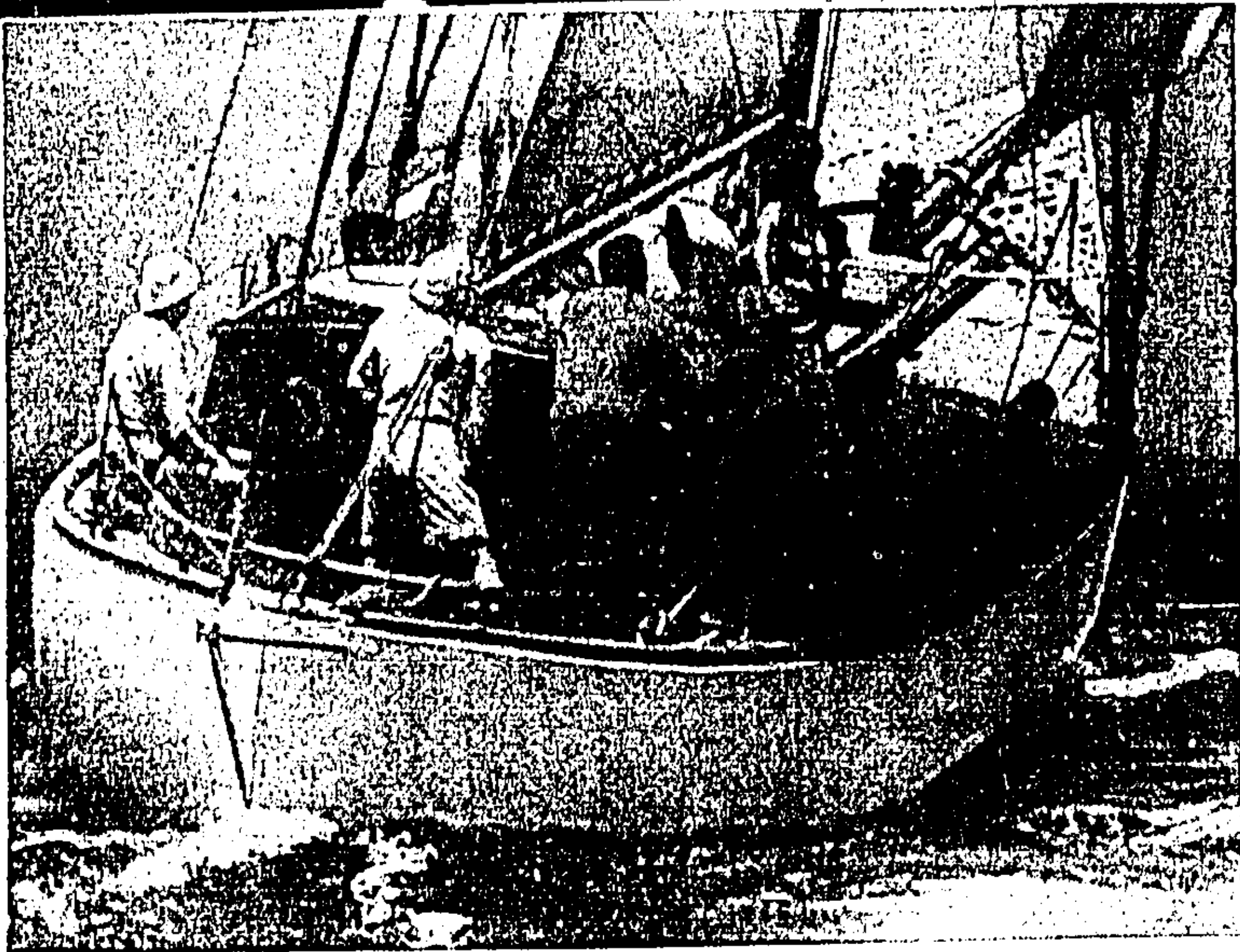
Nor will Communists be permitted to attend the annual conference of the trade councils as delegates.

With these new steps in their campaign against the Communists, the General Council planned support for the Labour Party in the General Election campaign.

A special committee was formed to prepare a manifesto calling on trade-unions to vote for Labour.—Reuters.

BANDITS ATTACK TRAIN
Singapore, January 25.—One Chinese was killed and two were wounded last night when bandits attacked a passenger train between Soderak and Sayang in Johore State.—United Press.

PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



HEADING OUT TO SEA—The New South Wales sloop "Peer Gynt" sails against 14 other yachts in the annual 640-mile ocean yacht race from Sydney to Hobart.



CATCHING BREAKFAST—A visitor to Haliburton, Canada, for a winter sports holiday, takes time out to catch a whitefish through the ice of a lake in the Ontario highlands.



SKIING WITHOUT SNOW—Hannes Schneider, instructor, gives a snowless ski lesson to winter visitors on a bare slope at North Conway, New Hampshire. In the rear is the Cranmore skimobile.



PAY AS YOU DRIVE—Mildred Thrawl of Chicago demonstrates a coin meter for the ignition system by which a buyer pays for a car. The equivalent of six U.S. quarters a day keeps it running.



NEW SENATOR—William Benton, a Democrat, is new U.S. Senator from Connecticut, succeeding Raymond E. Baldwin, who resigned to become Justice of State Supreme Court.



BOXER AND BUTCHER—Roland La Starza (right), 22-year-old New York heavyweight boxer, undefeated in 37 matches, helps his father in his grocery-butcher shop between bouts.



KANSAS SENATOR—Harry Darby, 54, Republican national committeeman for five years, is the new U.S. Senator from Kansas, filling the unexpired term of the late Clyde M. Reed.



PRESIDENT AND ENVOY—President Soekarno (left) of the United States of Indonesia, chats with Merle Cochran, U.S. Ambassador, at a reception in Jakarta (Batavia).



INDIA'S PAVLOVA—Mirabai, Hindu dancer, popularly known as "India's Pavlova," recently made her first appearance in London at the Imperial Institute Theatre.



NO SMOKE IN HIS EYES—Colby Clarke, tavern keeper of Kent, devised this holder to keep his long cigar from sagging and the smoke from his eyes while playing cards.



FROM SEAMAN TO ACADEMY—Harry Martinsson, author and former seaman, is installed as a member of the Royal Swedish Academy, which selects Nobel Prize winners. Left to right: Anders Osterling, Earl Marshal Birger Ekeberg, Martinsson and Sigfried Siwertz.



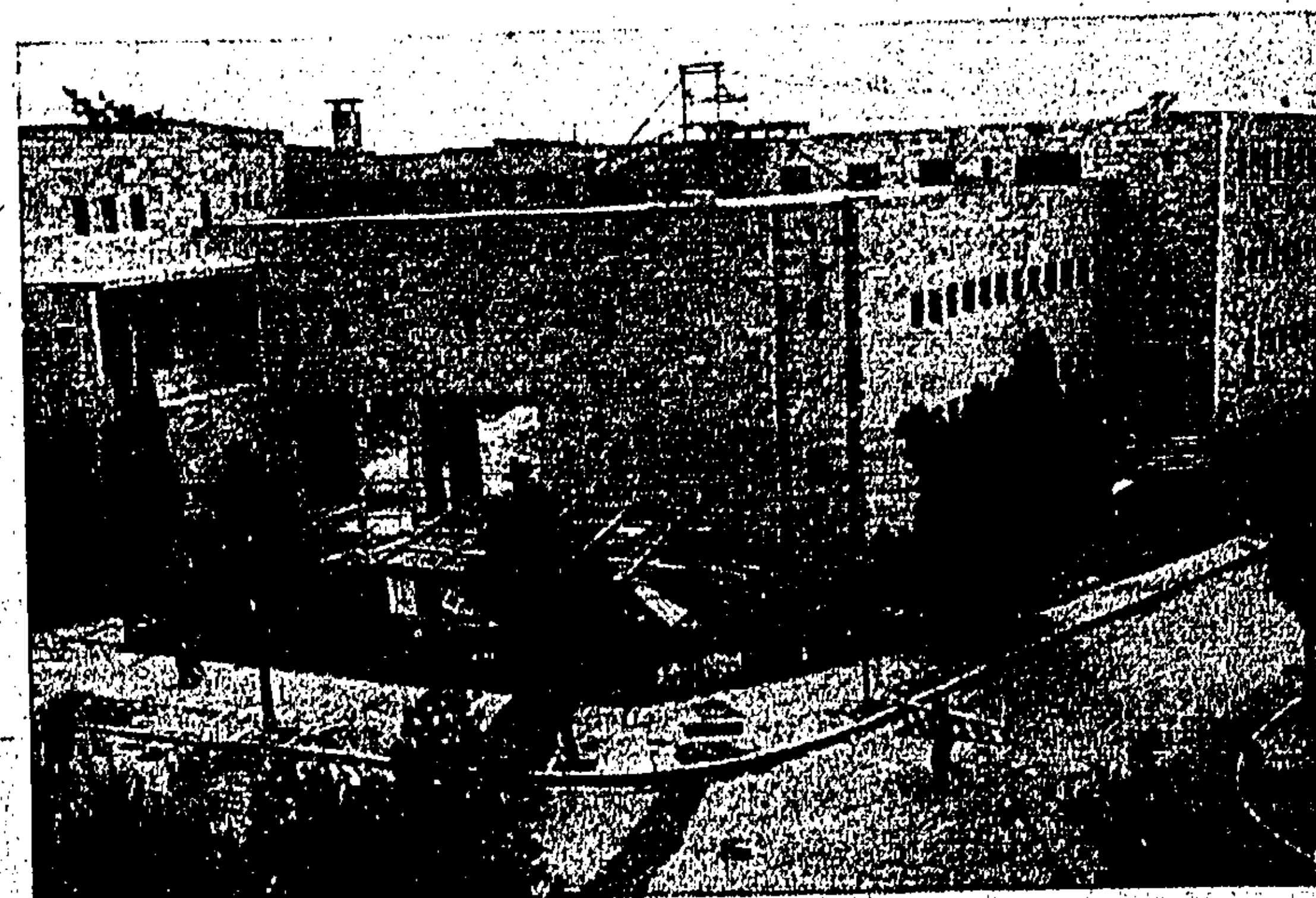
TENOR'S TRIBUTE—Eugene Conley, who sang tenor in Bellini's opera, "I Puritani" at La Scala, Milan, dusts a statue of the composer before the opening night.



FIELD DOGS IN TESTS—William Jones (left), of Suffolk, Virginia, holds "Fast Special Delivery" and George Rogers, of Mount Holly, New Jersey, holds his wife's entry, "Medoc" at the trials of the Field Trial Club of Pinehurst, North Carolina, as judges and gallery (rear) prepare to follow the test.



TROPICAL SWIMMING HOLE—The pool of the Caribe Hilton Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico, was blasted out of coral rock. It is filled with sea water, which is changed every four hours.



HOME OF ISRAEL PARLIAMENT—This wing of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem will be the temporary home of the Israel Parliament (Knesseth) until a new building is erected.

spotted black, then red.

MacArthur, 70 Today, In Top Form

Tokyo, Jan. 26.—General Douglas MacArthur will cut a big special birthday cake today at the American Embassy to celebrate his 70th birthday.

The General is in good health and in high spirits—even a festive mood—but there will be no big party or celebration.

The General will cut the cake at a small party at the American Embassy where his wife, Jean, and 12-year-old son, Arthur, will top the list of those wishing him "happy birthday."

Other birthday greetings are arriving here from all corners of the world. Numerous birthday greetings have come from Japanese who admire him.

During the morning, General MacArthur will review an honour guard at the American Embassy. Then he will go to his office, carrying out his regular routine.

HARD DRIVING

Yesterday he cleared his desk and today unless there are urgent matters requiring his attention, he will devote considerable time to receiving diplomatic members of his staff and others who call at his office to extend to him birthday greetings.

The General will leave his office around 1:40 p.m. the usual time for lunch. A group of Japanese school children are planning to be at the door of his headquarters to wave Japanese and American flags and sing "Happy Birthday."

General MacArthur's 70th birthday still looks like just an "hard-driving" officer as he was in the younger days. He works long and hard hours and expects to do so for many years to come.

Coal Stocks Reaching Danger Point

Washington, Jan. 25.—James Boyd, director of the Bureau of Mines, said today that coal stocks were near the "danger point" where public health and safety might be imperilled.

Mr. Boyd told the Senate Commerce Committee that there was a 28-day supply of coal in the country. He said the Bureau of Mines estimated "danger point" to be a 25-day supply.

Testimony by a government official gave some new ammunition to Congressmen and industry officials who are urging President Truman to invoke the Taft-Hartley law to get an injunction against the United Mine Workers' refusal to resume full production.

President Truman has yet to act on a national emergency declaration. Thousands of jobs in the coal industry are at stake.

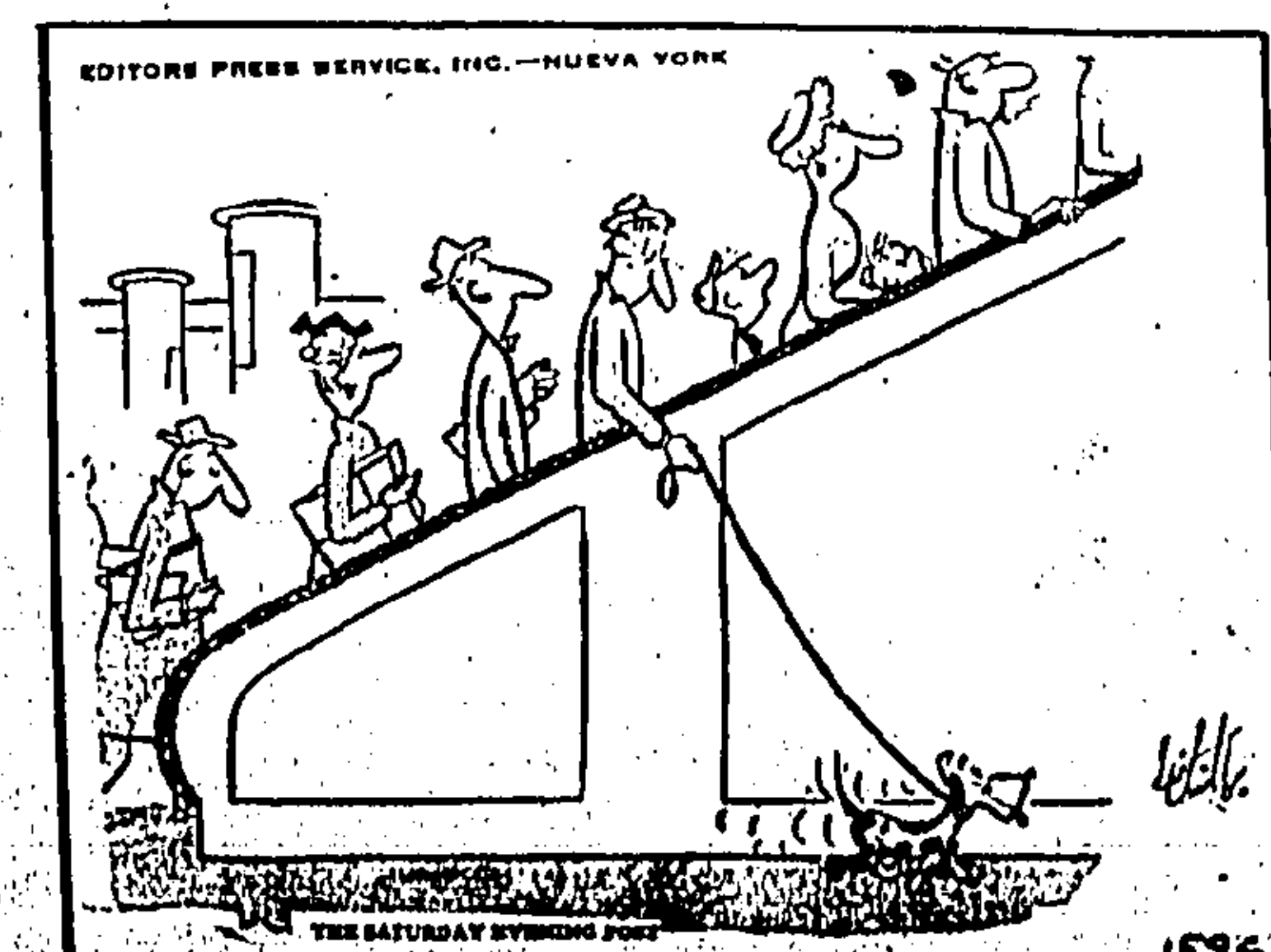
Mr. Boyd's testimony was taken by some government labor officials as an indication that President Truman might soon intervene in the coal industry dispute. United Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

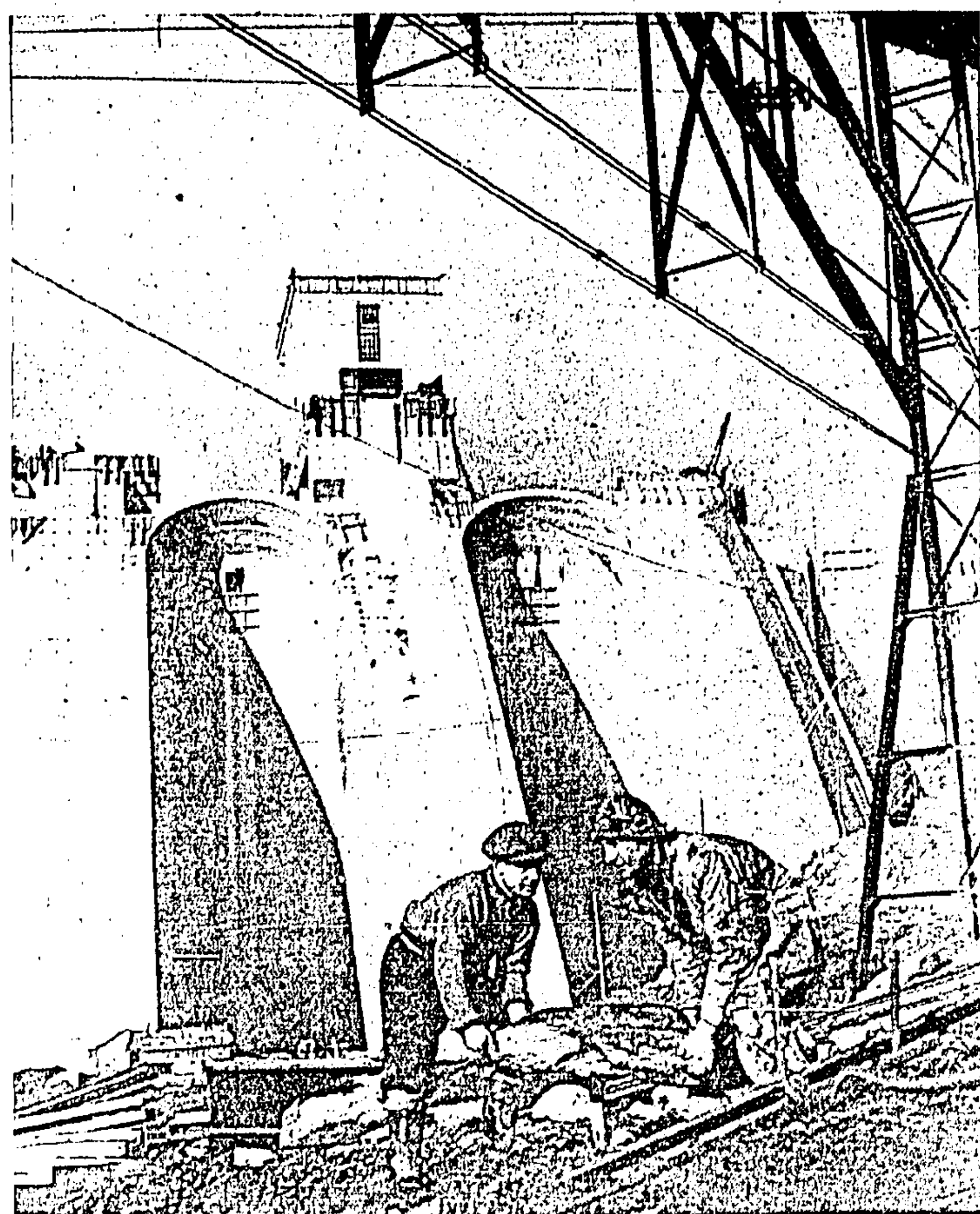
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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

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Loch Lomond Hydro-Electric Scheme



The hydro-electric power scheme on the shores of Loch Lomond, Scotland, is now in operation and is bringing electricity to homes for the first time. Picture looks up to the dam wall and control tower being built at one end of Loch Sloy to harvest the water.

KING SENDS GREETINGS TO INDIAN PRESIDENT ON BIRTH OF REPUBLIC

London, Jan. 25.—His Majesty the King has sent the following message to India's first President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad: "On the occasion of the inauguration of the Indian Republic I send you my warmest good wishes. May you and the people of India enjoy the full blessings of peace and prosperity in the years to come."

The King's message was sent by the Indian Republic's first President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, who was inaugurated as the first President of the Indian Republic on January 26, 1950. The King's message was a personal one, and it was the first time that the King had sent a message to the President of a foreign country.

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ACHESON URGES CONGRESS TO CONTINUE DRAFT

Washington, Jan. 25.—The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, urged Congress today to extend conscription to show the world that the United States intended to remain strong.

"Weakness invites aggression, direct or indirect, and to remain free the nations of the free world must be strong, both economically and in terms of their defensive capabilities," he declared.

Mr. Acheson appeared before the House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee to support the Administration's request for a three-year extension of the conscription law, due to expire next June.

The Committee has already passed a bill extending the law for one year, but Mr. Acheson urged a longer period to ensure the United States would be strong in the event of another war and as a spur to training.

Committee members have shown little enthusiasm for the proposal, though there has been talk of keeping selective service on a "sound basis" with a three-year draft law unless Congress approves.

Mr. Acheson said that the draft law was needed to support America's foreign policy. Letting it die would be "interpreted abroad" as a slackening of American determination to stand as the principal defender against aggression.

"The fundamental objective of American foreign policy is the maintenance of world peace," he said.

"We have constantly worked within the framework of the United Nations to help develop adequate means of insuring international peace and security. That peace is not yet more secure is the fault of the United Nations Organization or of the United States, but it is faced directly to the record of our own inaction and intransigence of the United States."

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POCKET CARTOON



NOTICE

OLD ALLEYNANS

The Annual Hong Kong O. A. Dinner will be held in the JACOBSON ROOM of the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday the 4th February at 8.00 p.m. (Evening Dress Optional). Will any O. A. who proposes to attend this dinner and has not signified his intention to me, please communicate with me at once at c/o Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist No. 2 Queen's Road, Central, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

All past members of Allyn School will be very welcome. H. C. LEE, Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

Messrs. Jensen & Co. regret to announce that TO DAY'S cocktail party on board the "LINA MAERSK" will be cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of photographs taken by the South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Telegraph Staff Photographers are on view in the Morning Post Building.

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